
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: MEET WITH NEW USM PRESIDENT, DR. SHELBY THAMES
DATE 4/17/02
CC: FILE

As you know, Dr. Shelby Thames has been named the new president at USM. He will take office May 1. You are meeting with Dr. Claudia Limbert, the new president of MUW, this afternoon.

I had thought that, given all of the “USM and the Gulf Coast have been mistreated; USM doesn’t have any representation on the College Board” comments, that it might be nice if we set up a meeting between you and Dr. Thames the next time you are in the Hattiesburg area. I mentioned this to Phillip and Lee Ann and Phillip suggested that you host a reception at the Governor’s Mansion this summer for all 8 university presidents (the College Board hopes to announce the new MSU president by the end of June), Commissioner Layzell, the Board of Trustees, and the House and Senate Universities and Colleges chairmen. You could still visit with Dr. Thames or phone him, we just thought this might be a nice angle to take since 3 of the 8 presidents will be new this fall.

Do you want to host such a reception at the mansion?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you want to try to meet with Dr. Thames in the near future?

Meet in Jackson _____ Meet in Hattiesburg _____

Call (don’t meet) _____